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SUBJECT: UK/ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE: PATROL VESSELS

REF: A. REYKJAVIK 0356 (DTG 111845Z MAR 76)
B. STATE 060970 (DTG 122244Z MAR 76)

1. PRIMEMIN AND MFA OFFICIALS CHAGRINNED AND PUZZLED
OVER MANNER OF KROYER APPROACH REGARDING COAST GUARD
PATROL VESSELS AND ADVISED US THAT KROYER EXCEEDED
HIS I NSTRUCTIONS. MFA ADVISED KROYER YESTERDAY
TO STOP PUSHING AND NOT TO TALK TO PRESS FURTHER ABOUT
SUBJECT. HE WAS REMINDED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM MFA
WERE: (A) TO SOUND OUT ICELANDIC DESU OF DEPARTMENT

ORALLY (RPT ORALLY) REGARDING THE LIKELY REACTION TF
USG IF (RPT IF) GOI WERE TO REQUEST VESSELS; (B) NOT
TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH NEWS MEDIA; AND (C) NOT TO

MENTION 1974 MOU BECAUSE MFA DOES NOT AGREE WITH JUSTICE
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MIN JOHANNESSON'S INTERPRETATION OF ALLEGED MOU OBLIGATION.

THE EFFECT OF KROYER'S PUZZLING DISREGARD OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS
BEEN TO MAKE THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND PRESS IMPATIENT FOR AN
ANSWER FROM USG.

2. BECAUSE OF AWKWARD SITUATION CREATED LOCALLY, MFA
IS ANSWERING PRESS QUERIES AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAS
APPROACHED OFFICIALS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT
ON THIS MATTER AND WAS ADVISED BY THESE OFFICIALS
THAT THE MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

END QUOTE

WE HAVE AGREED TO COMMENT IN SIMILAR MANNER IF EMBASSY

QUERIED.

3. MFA HAS REITERATED ITS REQUEST FOR USL TO
CONTINUE TO "TAKE MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT" DESPITE
KROYER'S INSISTENCE FOR AN EARLY RESPONSE.
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